

REMARKS

Claims 1-16 are pending in the application. In the office action dated February 9, 2005, the Examiner rejected claims 1, 3, 5, 7, 8, 10, 12 and 14-16. Claims 2, 4, 6 9, 11 and 13 were objected to as containing allowable subject matter but being dependent on a rejected claim.

In this amendment claims 1, 3-8, 10-15 have been amended. Claims 2, 9 and 16 have been canceled. Claim 1 has been amended to include the subject matter of allowable claim 2. Allowable claims 4, 6, 11 and 13 have been rewritten in independent format and are therefore submitted to be allowable. Claim 8 has also been amended to include the subject matter of claim 9. In addition, claim 15 has been amended to include , in the alternative, the limitations of allowable claims 2, 4 and 6. Claim 15 is therefore submitted to be in allowable form. The remaining claims, 3, 5, 7 10, 12 and 14 have been amended for proper dependency of claim 1 or 8.

In view of the foregoing amendments and remarks, it is believed that the application as a whole is in form for allowance. Should the Examiner have any continuing objections, the Applicants respectfully ask the Examiner to contact the undersigned at 415-442-1106 in order to expedite allowance of the case. Authorization is granted to charge any outstanding fees due at this time for the continued prosecution of this matter to Morgan, Lewis & Bockius LLP Deposit Account No. 50-0310 (matter no. 060944-0139).

Respectfully submitted,

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